

Commission to Study the Scope and Quality of Citizenship Education

December 3, 2003 @ 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

State House Room # 438 (Judiciary Cmte. Rm.)

AGENDA

1. Call to Order. (9:00 a.m.)

Sen. Douglass and Rep. Cummings, Commission Chairs, Commission Members & Staff

- Welcome and introduction of Commission members and staff;
- Review meeting summary from 1st Commission meeting; and
- Preview meeting agenda and expectations

2. Clarifying the Problem Situation and Identifying the Priority Problems. (9:30 a.m.)

Review & Discussion (Commission Members & Staff)

- Review summary of Commission members' ideas about effective citizenship;
- Define problems situations, including the contextual factors related to these problems, and identify the most pressing policy problems to be addressed by the Commission; and
- Identify Commission members' values and select the problems and issues that state policymakers should address or that should be addressed by other sectors of society

3. Citizenship Education in the Context of Standards-based Education. (10:30 a.m.)

Presentation (Patrick Phillips & Connie Manter, DOE) & Discussion (Commission Members & Staff)

- Maine's System of Learning Results: Guiding Principles, Standards & Performance Indicators
- Role of our schools, communities and state in fostering informed and engaged citizens

Break. (11:15 a.m.)

4. Commission Deliberations: Focusing in on the Core Policy Issues. (11:30 a.m.)

Commission Chairs, Members and Staff

- Review core problems/issues and determine the next steps in examining these problems/issues;
- Discuss preliminary findings and recommendations regarding the role(s) of our educational institutions and other policy actors in providing citizenship education; and
- Discuss plans for next meeting

5. Adjournment. (1:00 p.m.)